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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Please allow me to cast my vote in favor of the recent settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft.

I realize that this was an open case when you took over the Justice Department, and for that reason you were not afforded a great number of options in dealing with it. I believe the middle ground that you have staked out with Microsoft adequately addresses the concerns of all the parties involved, and I feel you should be applauded for reaching the agreement.

A compromise such as this is obviously not going to make everyone happy. However, Microsoft's agreement to open competition within its Windows operating systems to non-Microsoft technology is a significant concession and should allow everyone a fresh start in the competition.

I hope the settlement moves forward soon, and brings an end to the case. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Samuel Davis